GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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VIOLATION OF GUIDELINES BY PRIVATE TV CHANNELS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Doordarshan has threatened to sue private Televisions for the prolonged use of Doordarshan`s cricket footage;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the private TV channels have violated the guidelines of the Doordarshan in telecasting cricket matches held recently; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) to (d): After observing that certain channels were unauthorisedly using the footage of the recently concluded BCCI Cricket Matches telecast on DD-National and DD- Sports in violation of the rights vested in Doordarshan, all TV channels were advised by Prasar Bharati through an advertisement in the Press to refrain from breach of the rights vested in Doordarshan, failing which Doordarshan will be constrained to initiate appropriate legal proceedings against the offending channels.